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## CITY MUST PAVE LEADING STREETS

PROPERTY OWNERS SOLID FOR NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.

Some Think Bond Issue the Quickest Path Out of the Mire—But All Say Pave.

The demand for the paving of streets in the downtown district is insistent, and from the talk that is heard from the business and professional men of Corpus Christi, the time to act is now, with a capital "N."

Probably no civic improvement ever contemplated has so stirred citizens. The improvement is wanted by all classes, from the man who pays taxes on a \$1500 home to the largest property owner of the city.

The plan for voting bonds to cover the entire cost and the plan to have the property owners pay for paving of abutting property, both have supporters, but that this matter can be decided on and satisfactorily adjusted has been the statement of a number of the principal business men.

The following statements were made yesterday:

A. L. WRIGHT.—So much has been said with reference to paving the streets that it is rather hard to one to advance new ideas. Every one seems to be united on one point, and that is—we must have paved streets. The difference in opinion is as to who method is the best.

"If I were asked for an opinion, I would frankly state that I am at a loss to say positively, but am inclined to believe the assessment plan the most equitable. I do not, however, agree with many who seem to think this the only plan, and who seem to feel that only those whose property is located in the paved districts are the sole beneficiaries.

"On the contrary, I am inclined to believe, in as much as the streets are public thoroughfares, and that all citizens of Corpus Christi enjoy the use of them, that all are in a measure benefited.

However, as before stated, I am not so much concerned as to who is to get the most benefit, because I believe after those streets are paved we will be glad of it, and will realize that one enjoys about as much benefit as another.

If the assessment plan will get us quicker than a bond issue, then I would favor the former, but if by the bond issue we could pave our streets quicker, then let us have a bond issue.

I agree with a great many others that the two main streets—Chaparral and Mesquite—should be paved. The paving should extend on one of these streets from one end to the other and, if paved by a bond issue, then make it large enough to extend the paving on one street north to the extreme residence portion of the town, and one street south on South Bluff to the extreme residence portion of town; and then one street west to the extreme residence portion in order to give all people living in the city limits at least one street which they could reach near their homes, and the city could easily take care of the short connecting street at a small expense and make them at least passable in the most difficult populated portions of the town.

After all is said and done, we all get back to the same old starting point, and that is to pave the streets by all means, but do it right now."

COL. R. D. HUDSON.—We must have paved streets, especially in the downtown business district. It is now a prime necessity and the sooner we get busy and have the work done the better off we will be. The plan for the assessment of the costs to the property owners looks the best to me and, of course, the city, which is the people in the final analysis, would have to pay for paying of the intersections.

O. O. WRIGHT.—We need, and must have, paved streets. The bond issue, in my opinion, is the better and fairer plan. The paving would be of benefit to every citizen of the town for the streets are used daily by all and the larger part of the tax would fall on the owners of the downtown property that pays the larger ratio of taxation. If we try the assessment of abutting property plan, we all know that there will be a large number of people who will never do their share, and we have no law, under our present charter, whereby we could compel these people to pay their share. The paving will be done in two years less time if we go ahead and vote bonds for the improvement, than would be the case if we tried to get every property owner to agree to pay his share, under the assessment plan."

Canada is well represented at the session opened today. On Saturday the delegates will go to Cornell, where they will be the guests of the president and faculty.

Mr. W.H. "Pooch" Whites.—NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A Thackeray centenary festival was opened today in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory, which has been made over into a Temple Garden effect, and well known artists will pose tableaux from "Pendleton." The Newcomes, "Vanity Fair" and others of Thackeray's novels.

All proceeds from the affair will go for the benefit of the Virginia mountaineers of the Appalachian range. These poor, undiscarded whites of Irish and Scotch descent, who date their ancestry back to the seventeenth century, are said to be in great need of practical assistance.

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## GREAT HARBOR NOW AGITATED

EFFORTS TO EXCAVATE 25-FOOT CHANNEL TO CITY Docks.

Improvement District and Government Aid the Plan—Collins Busy on Splendid Project.

Ever since the unsuccessful attempt at the creation of a harbor improvement district at Houston, in which the district passed a bond issue of \$1,250,000 to supplement an additional \$1,250,000 appropriated by the government for the construction of a 25-foot channel between Houston and the gulf, there has been a feeling among some of the prominent residents of this city that it might be a wise idea for Corpus Christi to attempt something along the same line.

In accordance with this view, L. C. Collins, president of the Commercial Club, has taken up with Congressman John N. Garner the question of securing a recommendation from the army board of engineers for an appropriation covering half the cost of a 25-foot channel, provided Corpus Christi will secure the remainder.

President Collins communicated with Mr. Garner yesterday, strongly urging him to make his best efforts in this connection, and assuring him the support of the people of this section.

**GARNER FAVORABLE TO PROJECT.**  
Congressman Garner, as is generally known, has suggested this plan to residents of Corpus Christi before. The fight for deep water in recent years has been almost entirely on the proposition to secure a depth of 25 feet up to the city wharves. This was later cut down to 15, and the outcome was that the government made an appropriation for a 15-foot channel. This channel will be completed in the early part of next year.

Through Roy Miller, former secretary of the Commercial club, a successful effort was made at a meeting of the army board of engineers in Washington, recently, to have the board recommend a survey of the channel on a basis of 15 feet. This survey will be made early in the coming year.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the idea was to have the government appropriate all of the money necessary for the excavation of the 15-foot channel.

**COST ABOUT \$800,000.**

An estimate upon the cost of the construction of a 25-foot channel has been made, roughly, by Captain David Pitton, who has been doing a great deal of harbor and channel work for the government. Captain Pitton's estimate is \$800,000. This does not include the small sum that will be needed annually to maintain the channel.

**PRESIDENT COLLINS' IDEA.**  
President Collins' idea is to have the government appropriate \$400,000 for the construction of this channel conditioned upon a like sum being raised by the people to be benefited by the improvements.

**BENEFIT TO THIS SECTION.**  
Mr. Collins had the following to say with reference to the proposition yesterday:

"I do not believe that we would have any trouble in raising \$400,000 to meet the government half way in the matter of constructing a 25-foot channel between Corpus Christi and the gulf. With a channel of this

depth, Corpus Christi will be able to handle ocean traffic. Freight carrying vessels of the largest size would be able to dock alongside the wharves here. The population of Corpus Christi would jump, within ten years after the completion of such a channel, to 25,000 or 30,000 people. A great commerce would pass through here. Manufacturing and allied industries would come naturally. As a result the whole of Nueces county would be vastly improved by such a channel."

"People generally do not realize the fact that within a radius of 25 miles of Corpus Christi there are 120 big traction plows at work every day. The rate at which agricultural development is going on down in this country is little short of miraculous. All of this generates freight, and will go a long way in supplementing what freight will be brought here. Once we obtain a 25-foot channel, and harbor railroads gravitate this way, an enormous commerce would be obtained in a very short while."

**METHOD OF RAISING MONEY.**

"My idea would be to form a harbor improvement district comprising all of Nueces county, and those portions of San Patricio county which will be most benefited. It would impose very little burden upon a district of this size to raise a tax to pay for the interest and sinking fund on a bond issue of this size. The voters will not object to this tax when the proposition has been put up to them properly."

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WOULD CONTEST WILL  
OF EDWARD JACKSON

San Angelo Stockman Leaves Bulk  
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SAN ANGELO, Texas, Dec. 28.—When the contents of the will of Ed Jackson were made public it was announced a contest was inevitable, and a hot legal battle over the Jackson estate valued at \$1,200,000, is expected.

After setting aside \$100,000 for a 12-year-old Mexican girl, Fannie Jackson, "daughter of my friend, Mary Anna," as the will reads, and \$5,000 to kindred of the first and second degree and smaller amounts to other relatives, Jackson bequeathed the rest of his fortune to the Catholic church of America.

The will prescribes the estate be converted into money and turned over to cardinals of the Roman Catholic church in the United States to be distributed by them to the Catholic orphans.

Jackson's will reads: "I do not believe that large fortunes should ever left to individuals for personal use and pleasures. Beings of such opinions have concluded, therefore, to bestow the greater part of my estate on helpless and orphan children."

On the death of Fannie Jackson, the \$100,000 which is left as a trust fund to provide her with an annual income, is to be paid over the cardinal of the Catholic church.

Jackson began his career thirty-five years ago as a newsboy in Kansas City. He came to West Texas as a sheepherder. His estate includes 200 sections of land, 21,000 head of goats and 15,000 head of cattle.

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## LABOR LEGISLATION WILL BE DISCUSSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The discussion of five topics by men prominent in public life promises to attract wide attention to the fifth annual meeting of the American Association for Labor Legislation, which met in the capital today for a three days' session. Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce, and labor, will preside at the session for the discussion of employers' liability. Walter LaFever, secretary of the interior, will sit in the discussion of the mining industry. Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, will discuss the reporting of industrial accidents, and Professor Henry H. Seeger of Columbia University will preside at the discussion of workmen's compensation and insurance.

Below are given the figures for Texas:

The total population in 1910 was 3,886,542, compared with 3,618,710 in 1900, an increase for the decade of \$27,832 or 27.8 per cent.

In 1910 the total white population was 5,294,898, compared with 4,266,669 in 1900, an increase of 778,227, or 35.1 per cent. The total number of white represented 82.2 per cent of the entire population of the state in 1910.

In 1910, the total native white population was 2,884,881, compared with 2,249,088 in 1900, an increase of 735,793 or 33.5 per cent.

The total number of native whites represented 78.1 per cent of the entire population of the state in 1910.

The negro population of 1910 was 620,028 compared with 620,722 in 1900, an increase of 6,294, or 1.1 per cent.

The total number of negroes in 1910 represented 1.7 per cent of the entire population of the state.

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**MILLION INCREASE IN CAPITAL.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Stockholders of the Childs company at a special meeting today voted affirmatively on the proposal of the directors to increase the common stock from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. The company, which is said to have the backing of the Standard Oil group of capitalists, controls a string of dairy lunch rooms in many of the large cities of the country.

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